

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1132
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Gaines Hunt of Austin Peay State University on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaines Hunt is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-six years as a teacher and administrator at Austin Peay University in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt will be taking a much deserved retirement this year from his current position as Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, which he has held since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Gaines Hunt received his bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Austin Peay University in 1966, and his master's degree in 1968 from Mississippi State University; he then continued his education at Mississippi State University, finished his doctorate studies in Animal Nutrition there in 1970, and began teaching at Austin Peay that same year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt progressed steadily through the administrative ranks at Austin Peay throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, he served as Chair of the Department of Agriculture from 1978 to 1987, and then again from 1991 to 1996; he also served as Interim Dean of both the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Science and Mathematics from 2001 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaines Hunt is an active and important part of Tennessee higher education, and participates in numerous worthy organizations, including the Ohio Valley Conference and the NCAA, as a Faculty Athletics Representative; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaines Hunt has made innovative contributions in educational administration wherever he has served and has worked diligently to advance the frontiers of knowledge in his chosen field; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his noteworthy career, Dr. Gaines Hunt has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers, his students, his staff, and the public alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Gaines Hunt of Austin Peay University our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, even as we salute his exemplary career in higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.